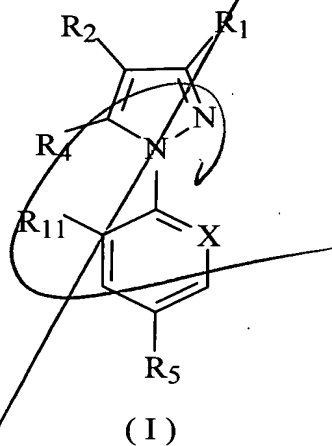


Please cancel Claims 1-11, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add the following new Claims 12-82:

--12. A composite material comprising a gypsum board covered on at least one of its two faces with a sheet made of cardboard or paper, wherein the sheet, or each of the sheets, comprises an insecticidally effective amount of a compound having the formula:



wherein:

R<sub>1</sub> is halogen, CN or methyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>3</sub>;

R<sub>3</sub> is alkyl or haloalkyl;

R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, NR<sub>5</sub>R<sub>6</sub>, S(O)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, C(O)R<sub>7</sub>, C(O)O-R<sub>7</sub>, alkyl, haloalkyl, OR<sub>8</sub> or -N=C(R<sub>9</sub>)(R<sub>10</sub>);

$R_5$  and  $R_6$  independently are hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl,  $C(O)alkyl$  or  $S(O)_rCF_3$ , or  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  together form a divalent alkylene radical which is uninterrupted or interrupted by one or two divalent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen and sulphur;

$R_7$  is alkyl or haloalkyl;

$R_8$  is alkyl, haloalkyl or hydrogen;

$R_9$  is alkyl or hydrogen;

$R_{10}$  is phenyl or heteroaryl which is unsubstituted or is substituted by one or more halogen, OH, -O-alkyl, -S-alkyl, cyano or alkyl;

X is a trivalent nitrogen atom or a  $C-R_{12}$  radical, the other three valencies of the carbon atom forming part of the aromatic ring;

$R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are, independently of each other, hydrogen or halogen;

$R_{13}$  is halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy,  $S(O)_qCF_3$  or  $SF_5$ ;

m, n, q and r are, independently of one another, an integer equal to 0, 1 or 2;

with the proviso that, when  $R_1$  is methyl, then  $R_3$  is haloalkyl,  $R_4$  is  $NH_2$ ,  $R_{11}$  is Cl,  $R_{13}$  is  $CF_3$  and X is N.

--13. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the gypsum board is covered on both of its faces with a sheet of cardboard or paper, at least one of these sheets comprising an insecticidally effective amount of a compound of formula (I).

--14. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the gypsum board is covered on both of its faces with a sheet of cardboard or paper, each of these sheets comprising an insecticidally effective amount of a compound of formula (I).

--15. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the compound of formula (I) has at least one feature selected from the group consisting of:

- (a)  $R_1$  is CN;
- (b)  $R_3$  is haloalkyl;
- (c)  $R_4$  is  $NH_2$ ;
- (d)  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are, independently of each other, halogen; and
- (e)  $R_{13}$  is haloalkyl.

--16. A composite material according to Claim 13, wherein the compound of formula (I) has at least one feature selected from the group consisting of:

- (a)  $R_1$  is CN;
- (b)  $R_3$  is haloalkyl;
- (c)  $R_4$  is  $NH_2$ ;
- (d)  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are, independently of each other, halogen; and
- (e)  $R_{13}$  is haloalkyl.

--17. A composite material according to Claim 14, wherein the compound of formula (I) has at least one feature selected from the group consisting of:

- (a)  $R_1$  is CN;
- (b)  $R_3$  is haloalkyl;
- (c)  $R_4$  is  $NH_2$ ;
- (d)  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are, independently of each other, halogen; and
- (e)  $R_{13}$  is haloalkyl.

--18. A composite material according to Claim 15, wherein the compound of formula (I) is 5-amino-3-cyano-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-trifluoromethylsulfinylpyrazole.

--19. A composite material according to Claim 16, wherein the compound of formula (I) is 5-amino-3-cyano-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-trifluoromethylsulfinylpyrazole.

--20. A composite material according to Claim 17, wherein the compound of formula (I) is 5-amino-3-cyano-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-trifluoromethylsulfinylpyrazole.

--21. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.5 and 5 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 50 and 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--22. A composite material according to Claim 13, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.5 and 5 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 50 and 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--23. A composite material according to Claim 14, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.5 and 5 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 50 and 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--24. A composite material according to Claim 18, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.5 and 5 cm, and cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 50 and 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--25. A composite material according to Claim 19, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.5 and 5 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 50 and 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--26. A composite material according to Claim 20, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.5 and 5 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 50 and 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--27. A composite material according to Claim 21, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.6 and 2 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 150 and 250 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--28. A composite material according to Claim 22, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.6 and 2 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 150 and 250 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--29. A composite material according to Claim 23, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.6 and 2 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 150 and 250 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--30. A composite material according to Claim 24, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.6 and 2 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 150 and 250 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--31. A composite material according to Claim 25, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.6 and 2 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 150 and 250 g/cm<sup>2</sup>.

--32. A composite material according to Claim 26, wherein the gypsum board has a thickness of between 0.6 and 2 cm, and the cardboard or paper has a relative density of between 150 and 250 g/cm<sup>2</sup>.

--33. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--34. A composite material according to Claim 13, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--35. A composite material according to Claim 14, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--36. A composite material according to Claim 18, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--37. A composite material according to Claim 19, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--38. A composite material according to Claim 20, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--39. A composite material according to Claim 24, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--40. A composite material according to Claim 27, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--41. A composite material according to Claim 30, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.1 and 10 mm.

--42. A composite material according to Claim 33, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--43. A composite material according to Claim 34, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.



--44. A composite material according to Claim 35, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--45. A composite material according to Claim 36, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--46. A composite material according to Claim 37, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--47. A composite material according to Claim 38, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--48. A composite material according to Claim 39, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--49. A composite material according to Claim 40, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--50. A composite material according to Claim 41, wherein the thickness of the cardboard or paper sheet or sheets is between 0.2 and 5 mm.

--51. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is an amount sufficient to prevent perforations by insects.

--52. A composite material according to Claim 18, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is an amount sufficient to prevent perforations by insects.

--53. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is a termiticidally effective amount.

--54. A composite material according to Claim 13, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is a termiticidally effective amount.

--55. A composite material according to Claim 14, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is a termiticidally effective amount.

--56. A composite material according to Claim 18, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is a termiticidally effective amount.

--57. A composite material according to Claim 19, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is a termiticidally effective amount.

--58. A composite material according to Claim 20, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is a termiticidally effective amount.

--59. A composite material according to Claim 12, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.001 and 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--60. A composite material according to Claim 13, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.001 and 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--61. A composite material according to Claim 14, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.001 and 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--62. A composite material according to Claim 18, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.001 and 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--63. A composite material according to Claim 19, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.001 and 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--64. A composite material according to Claim 20, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.001 and 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--65. A composite material according to Claim 59, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.01 and 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--66. A composite material according to Claim 60, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.01 and 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--67. A composite material according to Claim 61, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.01 and 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--68. A composite material according to Claim 62, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.01 and 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--69. A composite material according to Claim 63, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.01 and 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--70. A composite material according to Claim 64, wherein the insecticidally effective amount of compound of formula (I) is between 0.01 and 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

--71. A method for protecting a dwelling against damage caused by perforating insects, said method comprising fixing a composite material as claimed in Claim 12 to at least 50% of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--72. A method for protecting a dwelling against damage caused by perforating insects, said method comprising fixing a composite material as claimed in Claim 18 to at least 50% of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--73. A method according to Claim 71, wherein the composite material is fixed to at least 95% of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--74. A method according to Claim 72, wherein the composite material is fixed to at least 95% of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--75. A method for protecting a dwelling against damage caused by termites, said method comprising fixing a composite material as claimed in Claim 53 to at least 50% of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--76. A method for protecting a dwelling against damage caused by termites, said method comprising fixing a composite material as claimed in Claim 56 to at least 50% of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--77. A method according to Claim 75, wherein the composite material is fixed to at least 95 % of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--78. A method according to Claim 76, wherein the composite material is fixed to at least 95 % of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--79. A dwelling having improved protection against damage caused by perforating insects, wherein at least 50 % of the total surface area of the interior wall of its partitions and walls is covered with a composite material as claimed in Claim 12.

--80. A dwelling having improved protection against damage caused by perforating insects, wherein at least 50 % of the total surface area of the interior wall of its partitions and walls is covered with a composite material as claimed in Claim 18.

--81. A dwelling according to Claim 79, wherein the composite material covers at least 95 % of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls.

--82. A dwelling according to Claim 80, wherein the composite material covers at least 95 % of the total surface area of the interior wall of partitions and walls--.